



# I-405/SR-55 Improvement Project

The I-405/SR-55 Improvement Project is designed to link the High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) or carpool lanes on the I-405 with those on the SR-55, creating a seamless HOV connection between freeways. The direct connectors will improve overall traffic flow and safety on the freeway by eliminating the need for HOV traffic to weave across general purpose lanes to change freeways.

Construction of the \$150 million project will begin in November 1999 and is scheduled to be complete in 2004. The project is a joint partnership between the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) and the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and is primarily funded by Measure M, the half-cent sales tax approved by voters in 1990 for transportation improvements with additional federal and City of Costa Mesa funds.

For more information about this and other countywide transportation improvements, call the Transportation Helpline at (800) 724-0353.

## Project Benefits

- New direct carpool lanes connecting the I-405 with the northbound SR-55 and the reverse.
- Reconfigured ramps for the southbound SR-55 and northbound I-405 connector, and the northbound I-405 Bristol Street off-ramp, to eliminate the weaving and lane changing that motorists currently encounter through this interchange.
- A new on-ramp to the northbound I-405 from Anton Boulevard.
- A new off-ramp from the northbound I-405 to Avenue of the Arts.
- A widened MacArthur Boulevard undercrossing at the SR-55 adding one lane in each direction.
- A reconstructed Red Hill Avenue overcrossing at the I-405 to accommodate the new direct connector.

